

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending. An Office Action mailed May 24, 2004 objected to FIGURE 1, rejected Claims 1-8 and 28, and allowed Claims 9-27. By way of this Amendment, Applicants hereby submit a new FIGURE 1, and amend Claims 1-3, 21-23, and 28. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.111, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application.

OBJECTION TO FIGURE 1

The Office Action objected to FIGURE 1 for lacking descriptive labeling. Applicants hereby submit a new FIGURE 1 for approval by the Examiner.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 112

The Office Action rejected Claims 1-8 and 28 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Applicants hereby amend Claims 1-3, 21-23 and 28 in order to overcome the noted objections, thereby rendering this rejection moot. Applicant submits that Claims 1-8 and 28 are now in condition for allowance.


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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims of the pending application are now in condition for allowance over the cited references. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections, allowance, and early passage through issuance. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' agent listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

A new FIGURE 1 is attached.

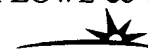
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